

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
February 10, 2015
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Michael W. Lewis, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the January 20, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the February 3, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was approved with three "ayes" and two abstentions.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

TOM SCOTT: Mr. Scott, Hamilton County Appraiser, and Angie De La Rosa, Appraiser Clerk, informed Ms. De La Rosa is interested in attending Appraiser certification program, which will be 3 to 5 years of classes. Mr. Scott asked permission to send Ms. De La Rosa to classes this year with the fees being paid from the County's General Fund. With travel fees, hotel and registration fees, the cost will be approximately \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 per class with two to three classes per year. Future year's classes will be budgeted and paid through the Appraiser's Budget. Commissioner Lewis moved to pay for Angie De La Rosa to attend two classes in 2015 and to pay all fees from the County's General Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Oil & Gas Appraisal Contract with Landmark Appraisal in the amount of \$14,568.00. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RICHARD GARZA: Mr. Garza, Hamilton County Sheriff, discussed Kansas Statute 19-1910 stating costs of prisoner medical care shall be paid from the County's General Fund. Also, Sheriff Garza asked about paying the costs of building maintenance from the General Fund. Sheriff Garza will figure the costs of the prisoner care and maintenance fees and report back to the Commission.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, discussed the following:

- 1) Presented a prairie dog complaint filed against Warren Wright. She informed that she inspected the land and presented pictures of the prairie dog infestation. Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the prairie dog complaint filed against Warren Wright. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 2) Presented the County's 2014 Weed Eradication report for approval. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the 2014 Annual Weed Eradication Progress Report as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 3) Presented the 2015 KDOT federal fund exchange program. Hamilton County is eligible to receive \$48,076.00.
- 4) Also discussed the KDOT maintenance fees to spray the ditches on Highways 27 and 50. Commissioner Braddock moved to raise Hamilton County's rates to \$40.00 per hour for equipment and \$40.00 per hour for labor. Commissioner Simon seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.
- 5) Presented an updated draft of the Landfill cells from Kirkham & Michael.
- 6) She will check into which pre-emergent chemical to spray around bridges and signs.

ALAN HANSON: Mr. Hanson, Hamilton County EMS Director, discussed the DEA License to purchase medications for the Ambulance Service. Mr. Hanson contacted the DEA and they informed him that the County's contract will renew in September, 2015 and Mr. Hanson's name will be added then, and he is able to purchase the needed medications now. Also, he is working on getting his Kansas credentials to be able to teach EMT and First Responder classes and he is updating the protocols for his department.

BRYAN COFFEY: Mr. Coffey, Hamilton County Hospital Administrator, discussed the following:

- 1) Presented statistic report for December, 2014.
- 2) Discussed the anticipated Medicare reimbursement amount that will be paid to the Hospital.
- 3) On March 1st, he will give True Bridge a 30-day notice that the Hospital will be handling patient billing procedures in house. A Collection Service will be used to collect statements that are 120 days delinquent and they are in the process of recruiting a certified insurance coder.
- 4) Hired two new providers, Mary Shy and Jessica Conn, and are recruiting for a new physician.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Coolidge Township requested that the County Road Department clean out the area of the bridge on Elm Street in Coolidge Township property. Commissioner Schwerdfeger will get permission from the surrounding land owners and report back to the Commission.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock asked about giving comp time when a Road Department employee covers for the Landfill.

TOWNSHIP ANNUAL REPORTS: The County Clerk presented the Township's Annual Reports for review. Commissioner Simon moved to approve Bear Creek Township, Coolidge Township, and Kendall Township's December 31, 2014 Annual Reports as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMPASS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD RESIGNATION: Commissioner Simon moved to accept Glenda Cheatum's resignation as the County's representative to the Compass Behavioral Health Board. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HIRE DIRECTOR OF RURAL OPERATIONS: Discussed pros and cons of hiring a Director of Rural Operations vs. hiring a Road Department Foreman.

ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS: After review, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Additions and Abatements Nos. 140378 through 140382. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$38,354.81. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: After review, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Non-Taxable Series-A No-Fund Warrants in the amount of \$60,136.37. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: The County Clerk presented a letter of resignation she received from Kent Schwieterman. Commissioner Braddock moved to accept Kent Schwieterman's resignation as Chairman and a Board Member of Hamilton County Hospital Board. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Schwerdfeger gave an update of the BLM meeting she attended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Lewis moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 11:25 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Lewis moved for an additional 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 11:37 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 11:47 a.m. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for an additional 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 11:50 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 11:55 a.m.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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